GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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EXPLORATION OF EXPORT POSSIBILITIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government have explored or propose to explore the possibilities of export of agricultural products and their sale in International Market from the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes dominated areas of the country; and

(b) If so, the details thereof indicating the names of the States where these possibilities have been explored so far and the achievement made in this regard till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) : Yes Sir.

(b) : The Government through Spices Board has been implementing export promotion schemes for production and export of Spices in the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe areas of the States of Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Meghalaya, Manipur, Assam & Nagaland. The Government is providing assistance in production and processing of post harvest handling. These areas are being developed as organic export production villages. As a result, 2915 tonnes of organic spices produced in these areas have been exported and 1810 families have been benefited. The quantum of exports are expected to increase further from these areas during the year 2001-02. The Government through APEDA is also implementing a project at an outlay of Rs. 9.59 lakhs during the current year to promote export of organic sugarcane, rice from Assam passion fruit from Manipur, pineapple from Meghalya and Tripura.